DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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November 22, 1983

ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I- 127-83

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL PRESIDING JUVENILE COURT JUDGES

SUBJECT: INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN-FOSTER CARE SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR PROPOSED PLACEMENTS OF CALIFORNIA CHILDREN INTO THE STATE OF MISSOURI

REFERENCE:

The State of Missouri has adopted a special policy in regard to the placement of California children into Missouri (see attached). This policy requires that, in the case of court dependents, the court and the county welfare department must individually confirm their intent to comply with the provisions of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC).

Missouri adopted this policy as a result of a case of noncompliance under circumstances which not only abridge the rights of the State of Missouri under the Compact, but placed the children at risk.

The ICPC is part of the statutory law of the State of California (see California Civil Code Sections 264-274). The ICPC is also an agreement entered into by the State of California which confers rights to other states in return for benefits received by California. Both as a statute and as an agreement, its terms are binding on the State of California, its political subdivisions and its residents. Therefore, the condition that the court and welfare department declare, in writing, their intent to comply with the Compact simply requires that they acknowledge duties they already have.

If counties and courts ignore the duties imposed by the Compact, we can expect a similar demand by other party states. The States of Texas and New York have already indicated their consideration of adopting special procedures for placements of California children.

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Please be assured that Missouri's policy is already in effect. Requests for home studies from California which do not contain the requested documentation are not and will not be honored by that State.

Questions on this letter should be directed to your Interstate Compact Unit consultant at (916) 323-0920.

Sincerely,

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cc: CWDA

Attachment

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July 20, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SUPERIOR COURTS OF CALIFORNIA AND
ALL CALIFORNIA COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENTS

From: Jeannie Oney, Deputy Administrator
             Missouri Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children

Subject: Missouri Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children
             Application/Request to Place Requirements

POLICY STATEMENT:

Effective immediately, the Missouri Interstate Compact on the Placement of
Children Office will no longer accept interstate applications/requests to
place children from California County Welfare Departments which do not in-
clude the following:

- An order from the court having jurisdiction over the subject
  minor requiring the sending agency and court's full compliance
  with all requirements as set forth in the Interstate Compact on
  the Placement of Children, statutory law in both California
  (Civil Code-Section 265) and Missouri (RSMo 210.620),

                                    or

- a letter from the court having jurisdiction over the subject
  minor affirming the court's intent to comply with all require-
  ments set forth in the Interstate Compact on the Placement of
  Children,

                                   and

- a letter from the California County Welfare Department affirming
  its intent to comply with all requirements set forth in the
  Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children.

STATUTORY BASIS:

Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, Article III(c)--"Any public
officer or agency in a receiving state which is in receipt of a notice
pursuant to paragraph (b) of this article may request of the sending agency,
or any other appropriate officer or agency of or in the sending agency's
state and shall be entitled to receive therefrom, such supporting or addi-
tional information as it may deem necessary under the circumstances to carry
out the purpose and policy of this compact."